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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: SASADA et al

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For: Chip Carrier Used For Semiconductor Optical Device,
Optical Module, And Optical Transmitter And Receiver

Art Unit: 2826

Examiner: T. Dickey

RESPONSE

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March 7, 2005

Sir:

The following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application, in response to the Office Action dated February 7, 2005.

The requirement for election of a single disclosed species of the alleged following patentably distinct species of the invention identified by the Examiner as Species 1 - a first embodiment, as shown in Figures 1A, 1B, 2 and 3 and page 5, line 19 through page 6, line 28; Species 2 - a second embodiment, as shown in Figures 6 and 7 and page 9, line 24 through page 11, line 14; and Species 3 - a third embodiment, as shown in Figures 8 and 9 and page 12, line 6 through page 14, line 15; such requirement is traversed as being improper and reconsideration and withdrawal of the requirement are respectfully requested.

Although the Examiner contends that no claim is generic, applicants submit that the features of independent claim 1 which is directed to a chip carrier are

substantially included in the features of independent claim 7 which is directed to an optical module incorporating a chip carrier, as well as independent claim 11 which is directed to a chip carrier with additional features, independent claim 13 which is directed to an optical module, and independent claims 15 and 16 which are directed to an optical transceiver. Thus, applicants submit that independent claim 1 is generic in relation to the other independent claims of this application. Since a generic claim is present in this application and such claim has not been rejected, applicants submit that independent claim 1 is allowable and therewith the claims incorporating such features and claims directed to other species.

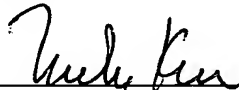
In order to provide a complete response to the election requirement, applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, Species 1, which as indicated by the Examiner, includes Figures 1A, 1B, 2 and 3 with at least claims 1 - 6 being readable thereon.

In view of the above remarks, applicants request withdrawal of the election requirement and favorable action with respect to all claims present in this application.

To the extent necessary, applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 500.43702X00), and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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